



Psychiatric Nurse

Department: MH/MR/SA

Class Code: 4415

EEO Code: 22

FLSA: E

Effective: 01/04/1995

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Under direction; performs work of considerable difficulty in preparing and dispensing medications in accordance with professional standards and state and federal legal requirements; and performs other work as required.

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

Reviews prescriptions issued by doctor; orders medications; prepares and dispenses medications; answers questions and provides information on drug interactions, side effects, dosage and storage of pharmaceuticals; observes patients to detect behavior patterns and reports observations to medical staff; administers Intra-muscular medications; maintains established procedures concerning quality assurance, security of controlled substances and disposal of hazardous waste drugs; maintains records and inventory; supervises pharmacy technician; and performs other work as required.

REQUIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

Considerable knowledge of psychopathology, psychodynamics and psychopharmacology; of the principles, practices and standards of professional psychiatric nursing.

Considerable skill in preparing and maintaining accurate clinical and medical records and reports; in advising and supervising staff.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Core curriculum for a bachelor's degree in nursing or diploma graduate from an approved nursing school and two years experience in a psychiatric clinic; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

None.

<p>This class specification is not intended to describe and does not necessarily list the essential job functions for a given position in a classification.</p>
